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**Inmate Death at FCI Terminal Island**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Sunday, January 23, 2022, inmate Wilmer Cartonio tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Terminal Island in San Pedro, California and was immediately placed in medical isolation. On Wednesday, February 2, 2022, Mr. Cartonio, in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, was converted to a status of recovered, following the completion of medical isolation, and presenting with no symptoms.

On Thursday, December 1, 2022, Mr. Cartonio was transported to a local hospital due to shortness of breath. Subsequently, on Thursday, December 15, 2022, Mr. Cartonio, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital personnel.

Following a review of the recently received autopsy report, it was determined Mr. Cartonio's death was related to COVID-19.

Mr. Cartonio was a 59-year-old male sentenced in the District of Alaska to an 84-month sentence for Sexual Exploitation of a Child and Possession of Child Pornography. He had been in custody at FCI Terminal Island since October 18, 2017.

FCI Terminal Island is a low security facility and currently houses 1,012 male offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at [www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp](http://www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp).

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